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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS

JUNEAU WINS OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, A FIRST

New West Politics

At midnight, when it appeared Denise Juneau had won Superintendent of Public Instruction in Montana in Tuesday's election, she was poised to become the first Native American to win a statewide executive level position in Montana.

MAKING HISTORY

Indian Country Today



Denise Juneau hopes to become first American Indian to hold executive office in Montana.

HELENA, Mont. — With a long list of distinguished endorsements and 37 percent of the primary vote in a four-way race in the state of Montana, Denise Juneau is the only American Indian on the Nov. 4 ballot running for a state office. And if elected state superintendent of public instruction, she will be the first American Indian elected to a statewide executive office, ever.

TRIBE SELECTS SPANG, FOX AS LEADERS

Billings Gazette

Members of the Northern Cheyenne tribe elected a new president and vice president on Tuesday.

Leroy Spang, a newcomer to politics, was elected tribal president, and Joe Fox Jr., Ashland District council member, was elected vice president. John Robinson, the chief trial judge, and Roni Rae Brady, a trial judge, were re-elected to their positions.

LEWIS IS A RISING STAR IN ACADEMIA AND WORK

Char-Koosta News

PULLMAN, Wash. — Sarah A. Lewis was one of three outstanding Washington State University alumnae to receive the Women's History Recognition Rising Star Award on April 16.

SKC UPWARD BOUND ATTEND MSU'S PROSPECTIVE STUDENT PROGRAM

Char-Koosta News

PABLO — SKC Upward Bound upperclassmen ventured "Where Mountains and Minds Meet" to expand their college repertoire at MSU-Friday in Bozeman. Fourteen juniors and seniors maximized their collegiate opportunity by attending Montana State University's prospective student program on October 18. Upward Bound toured the campus, residence halls, the library, selected academic programs, the newly remodeled gym and the chemical and bioengineering facilities.

THE CAPITOL CHRISTMAS TREE IS COMING TO PABLO

Char-Koosta News

HAMILTON — The Capitol Christmas tree will be coming to Pablo on the Flathead Indian Reservation before heading to Washington, D.C. for the December 2nd lighting ceremony on the west lawn of the capitol building.



CSKT Division of Fire employees Donald "Putt" Carpentier (left) and Jim Morigeau (right) secure a 20-foot-plus Alpine-fir tree harvested near the southwest end of the Flathead Indian Reservation Monday afternoon. (Kim Swaney photo)

OH, CHRISTMAS TREE: MORE THAN 600 PEOPLE TREK UP SKALKAHO FOR CUTTING OF CAPITOL FIR

Missoulian

Forest Service officials and others steady the Capitol Christmas Tree shortly after it was cut Saturday morning. More than 600 people turned out to witness the event.



Photo by PERRY BACKUS of the Ravalli Republic

AUTHOR TELLS MENTAL HEALTH GROUP OF OCD STRUGGLES

Great Falls Tribune

It was in the 1980s, before OCD was widely known, and there was only one medication for it. Instead of taking that medication, Barber spent years finding ways to deal with his symptoms on his own before he received treatment.

LAST LAKOTA CODE TALKER HONORED AT CEREMONY

Rapid City Journal



HOT SPRINGS -- Officials at the Michael J. Fitzmaurice State Veterans Home in Hot Springs paid tribute Thursday to the lone surviving Lakota Code Talker, Clarence Wolfguts. Wolfguts, 84, was recognized in the Code Talkers Recognition Act signed by President Bush earlier this month. The bill authorized the production of a congressional medal for all Native American code talkers.

IHS LAUNCHES HEALTH TRANSPARENCY WEBSITE

Char-Koosta News

The Indian Health Service (IHS), an agency in the Department of Health and Human Services, has launched a new website that reports on the quality of care provided to American Indian and Alaska Native patients. The website is located at <http://www.ihs.gov/NonMedicalPrograms/quality/>.

DIXON DISTRICT MEETING FOCUSED ON MITIGATION LAND PURCHASES AND THHS

Char-Koosta news

DIXON — Approximately 20 people attended the Dixon District meeting hosted by Councilman Terry Pitts last Wednesday. There was also staff from the Natural Resources Department and the Tribal Health and Human Services Department to address concerns of some folks in attendance.

EMPLOYMENT



At the Montana Department of Transportation there are vast opportunities for a great career in a wide range of areas such as information services, human resources, administration, engineering and transportation planning. MDT is a diverse organization with over 2,000 dedicated individuals striving toward a common goal to provide Montana residents, businesses and visitors with a safe and modern transportation system. We offer our employees a great benefits package such as three weeks paid vacation, sick leave, full medical, dental and vision coverage along with life and disability insurance! For a complete listing of available careers, please visit our website at www.mdt.mt.com.

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Seeking an Electrical System Studies Engineer for our Analytical Studies department in Billings, Montana.

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM PROTECTION/STUDIES ENGINEER: POWER ENGINEERS, INC.

Seeking an Electrical System Studies Engineer for our Studies Group.

CIVIL/STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: POWER ENGINEERS, INC.

Seeking an entry level Civil/Structural Engineer to work in our Billings, Montana office. The successful candidate will work in our Transmission and Distribution Division, learning to design substation structures, foundations, and their related facilities

DENTAL NEUROMUSCULAR TECHNOLOGIST: WESTERN DENTAL ARTS, INC.

Dental Neuromuscular Technologist sought by Procera Certified Dental Laboratory located in Billings, MT. Bachelors degree req. in Computer Science or any Dental Technology + 2 yrs. exp in job or 2yr exp. as Dental Technologist. Mail Resume to : Deonne Baker, Western Dental Arts, Inc., 1500 Poly Drive, #103, Billings, MT 59102

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DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMER: COMPUTER SOFTWARE ASSOCIATES

APPLICATIONS DEVELOPER: BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD

GREAT FALLS CLINIC JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

Great Falls Clinic (Main Facility) Transcriptionists

Great Falls Clinic Surgery Center Certified Nurse Assistant Surgical Technician

Clinic Cancer Care – Specialty Bldg. (Great Falls) Ultrasound Technologist

Central Montana Hospital (Great Falls) Surgical Technician Circulating RN

Helena Physicians' Clinic Medical Scheduler Registered Nurse - Specialty Registry; Ophthalmology Technician

Mercury Street Medical Group & Focus MedCare (Butte) RNs – Part time & Full time Clinical Nurse Supervisor Certified Nurse Assistant Registry; RNs, LPNs, CMAs, CNAs

Bozeman Surgical Arts Registered Nurse

Candidates may access the web site @ www.gfclinic.com for position details and to apply online. EOE

If you have any questions please call any one of the Human Resource representatives:

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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Job Title: Correctional Officer (2 Positions)
Position No.: [64104340](#), [64104047](#)
Division: Pine Hills Youth Correctional Facility

EVENTS & TRAINING

GLACIER CENTENNIAL PROGRAM HOLDS OFFICIAL ART CONTEST

The Glacier National Park centennial committee is holding a juried art competition. Entries in the form of digital files are due by March 1, 2009 and may be submitted in any art medium, including painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, textile and graphic design. Any entries not in these categories may fit under the general category.

Visit www.glaciercentennial.org for complete details and entry forms.

STUDENTS INVITED TO DECORATE MONTANA'S STATE CAPITOL CHRISTMAS TREES

Char-Koosta News

HELENA — For the fourth year, Governor Brian and First Lady Nancy Schweitzer are pleased to invite Montana's school children to participate in a magnificent display of Montana's 56 county and 8 tribal trees. The trees, proudly adorned with decorations from students, will be displayed in the Rotunda and halls of the State Capitol Building in Helena. For the past four years Montana kids responded to the call for help and outdid themselves artistically and creatively.

AIBL'S 15TH ANNUAL NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Please join us for the 2009 AIBL National Leadership Conference, April 7-9, 2009 at the Desert Diamond Hotel and Casino in Tucson, Arizona. **The registration form for chapters ONLY is available below...the individual registration form will soon be available.** The tentative agenda for the 15th Annual Conference is listed below as well as a printable version. If you have any questions regarding the conference, please send an e-mail to info@aibl.org.

GRANTS & OPPORTUNITIES

INDIAN ARTS RESEARCH CENTER OFFERS FELLOWSHIPS FOR NATIVE AND FIRST NATIONS

The [Indian Arts Research Center](#) in Santa Fe, New Mexico, is inviting Native and First Nations artists to apply for its upcoming fellowships. The IARC fellowships were established to support Native American and First Nations artists at the [Indian Arts Research Center at the School of Advanced Research](#) in any medium. The fellowships include a \$3,000 per month stipend, housing, and a studio, as well as travel and material allowances.

Upcoming fellowships include the 2009 Eric and Barbara Dobkin Fellowship for Native Women, a three-month fellowship from March 1 to May 31, 2008. Other fellowships are for all Native artists, and include the Ronald and Susan Dubin Fellowship (June 15 to August 15, 2008) and the Rollin and Mary Ella King Fellowship (September 1 to December 1, 2008).

Applications for the 2009 Dobkin Fellowship must be postmarked by December 1, 2008. Due to a revised application process, all fellowships after the 2009 Dobkin will have a single deadline of January 15, 2009.

See the IARC Web page for complete program information.

Contact:

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

Primary Subject: Arts and Culture
Geographic Funding Area: National

[NONPROFIT BANK AWARDED \\$40 MILLION FOR LOW-INCOME PROJECTS](#)

Missoulian

Wanted: Entrepreneurs who need cheap loans for projects that cost more than \$3.5 million and are located in low income areas of Montana.

[SPECIAL EVENT GRANTS AVAILABLE DECEMBER 12, 2008 APPLICATION DEADLINE](#)

(HELENA) – Governor Brian Schweitzer announces that Montana communities, organizations and tribal governments sponsoring or planning annual ongoing events are invited to apply for \$80,000 in state tourism grant funds available from the Montana Department of Commerce, Travel Montana Special Events Grant Program (SEGP). The SEGP application deadline is December 12, 2008.

“Montana’s myriad of special events help to showcase our great state’s authentic people and experiences. These grants offer an excellent opportunity for our non-profit organizations to enhance these events in their communities and introduce a portion of

Montana’s 10 million annual visitors to their main street businesses,” said Governor Schweitzer.

A major change to the grant criteria this year provides that *any* Montana event is eligible to apply for funding. In addition, funds must be used to advertise and promote the event to target markets outside a 100-mile radius of the event site. Grants will be awarded based on a 3-tier approach that ranks communities according to population. The grants are designed to be matching funds for non-profit organizations involved in developing new annual events as well as enhancing existing community-based tourism festivals and events.

“In revising the program, we recognized the need to not only assist new emerging events but provide the opportunity for our communities to enhance their ‘hallmark’ events that have become important economic drivers in their communities,” said Anthony Preite, Director of the Montana Department of Commerce.

For more information about the SEGP, or to request an application, contact Carol Crockett at Travel Montana, 406-841-2796. SEGP application materials can be downloaded from Travel Montana’s Intranet site: www.travelmontana.mt.gov/forms.

The SEGP funds are provided by a 4% state tourism “bed tax” which is assessed on the lodging price of all accommodations across Montana, including campgrounds. Tourism and recreation is one of Montana’s leading industries. In 2007, Montana hosted over 10.6 million non-resident visitors who spent over \$3 billion during their visits. Over 33,000 jobs are directly supported by nonresident travel, resulting in \$710 million in total personal income for Montana residents.